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1. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 8028 OF  
7 AUGUST REPORTED THAT IN A STRONGLY-WORDED COMMUNIQUE, THE  
BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCUSED PERSONS ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND SPECIFICALLY MEMBERS OF THE  
DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), OF DIRECT  
PARTICIPATION IN A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AT PUDAHUEL  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON THE RETURN TO CHILE OF THREE CHILEAN  
BISHOPS EXPelled FROM ECUADOR FOR ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. )

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2. ACCORDING TO ██████████ DINAS  
DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOWING THE VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK  
PLACE UPON THE BISHOP'S ARRIVAL AT PUDAHUAL. ██████████

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RANKING OFFICER OF THE CARABINERO CONTINGENT AT THE AIRPORT.  
CALLED CARABINERO HEADQUARTERS ON THE MORNING OF 15 AUGUST  
TO REPORT THAT A LARGE GROUP OF PRO AND ANTI-CHURCH  
DEMONSTRATORS HAD GATHERED AT THE AIRPORT AND THAT HE EXPECTED  
TROUBLE AND REQUESTED REINFORCEMENTS. ██████████ REPORTED  
THAT A NUMBER OF DINA AGENTS IN PLAIN CLOTHES WERE AMONG THE  
CROWD AND HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED CARABINERO COLONEL  
HILTON CONTRERA MEDINA AS ONE OF THEM. ██████████

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3. ACCORDING TITO ██████████ CARABINERO HEADQUARTERS  
CALLED GENERAL EDUARDO GORDON CANAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OF CARABINEROS, TO INFORM HIM OF THE IMPENDING  
DEMONSTRATION AND THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES REQUESTED ██████████  
██████████ GORDON REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO AUGMENT  
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THE UNIFORMED CONTINGENT AT THE AIRPORT BECAUSE DINA HAD  
TAKEN CHARGE OF THE AFFAIR.

4. THE CONSENSUS AMONG CARABINERO FIELD GRADE OFFICERS  
REGARDING THE AIRPORT INCIDENT IS THAT IT WAS ORCHESTRATED BY  
DINA AND IS A DISGRACE TO THE ARMED FORCES. IN ADDITION, IT  
WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE EXPULSION OF THE BISHOPS FROM  
ECUADOR PLACED THEM IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON THEIR RETURN  
TO CHILE. HOWEVER, THE VIOLENCE OVERSHADOWED THE EXPULSION  
INCIDENT AND GAVE THE BISHOPS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. THE  
CARABINERO OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT DINA'S OVER REACTION WILL  
PRODUCE MORE ANTI-CHILE CRITICISM IN INTERNATIONAL FORA,  
PARTICULARLY WHEN COUPLED WITH THE RECENT SUMMARY EXPULSION  
FROM CHILE OF PROMINENT LEFT-LEANING POLITICIAN S JAIME  
CASTILLO VELASCO AND EUGENIO VELASCO LETELIER.

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